

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert on page 1 of the specification immediately following line 1 that has the title of this patent application (“SUMP FILTER WITH FILTER ELEMENT CARTRIDGE”) the following paragraph:

-- This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/273,169, filed March 2, 2001, which is hereby incorporated herein by reference. --

Please replace Paragraph 27 with the following paragraph:

-- [0027] Sump filter assembly 10 includes three main components, namely: housing, generally designated 20; filter element, generally designated 40; and sealing member or O-ring, generally designated 80. Referring to Figs. 1 and 4, for example, housing 20 includes a main inlet 22 defined by main inlet wall 24. The inlet 22 is in direct fluid communication with the sump for automatic transmission fluid. An outlet 26, defined by outlet wall 28 is also provided, which is in direct fluid communication with a transmission fluid pump inlet or conduit leading to the fluid pump inlet. Outlet 26 is in fluid communication with transition section 32. Housing cavity 34 is in fluid communication with outlet 26 and inlet 22. Housing 20 is also provided with access way or hole 36 for allowing filter element 40 access into housing cavity 34 as will be explained further below. --